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INTERVIEW OF DONALD J. JOHNSTON.

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My grandfather's name was Dave Johnston. He was born near Tazewell County, Virginia. He came to Wyoming County about 1835. He brought his family through the woods on horseback, driving their cattle and hogs on ahead them, and settled in Wyoming County, West Virginia. He had five boys and four girls and his wife, who was unknown.

My father's name was Oscar Johnston. He and his four brothers served in the Civil war on the Southern, or rebel side. After the civil war was ended my father married Sarah Smoot, who lived at Oceana, in what was Wyoming County. Afterwards my father and his family, which was only his wife at the time said there was going to be a scarcity of deer and game very soon, and they saddled their horses and packed their few pots and pans and started for Lincoln County, where they built a log cabin and to them were born eleven children somewhere near the vicinity of Salt Rock, or West Hamlin.

I married Florence Dials, a daughter of James Dials, who lived on Four Mile creek, and we now have seven children.

Vol. 2. Deaths -

n. 103 - Margaret Merrill d. 2-8-11, at
Barboursville, a School teacher,
Heart disease. Single.

John H. Meehling d. Sept. 11, 1912,
of Senility, at 83-11-0

Mary Meyer d. Nov. 24, 1912,
of Senility, at 76. Widow.
Dr. B. L. Hume.

P. H. Morrison d. 12-9-1914
of heart, at 84-2-17

✓ Geo Merrill d. 12-30-1914,
of Bright's disease, at
63-10-14. Drayman.
B. L. Hume.

John P. Malcolm, d. in Wayne
Co. 5-27-1914
at 72-11-24. Married.

✓ n. 107. Mary Merrill d. at B'ville
Feb. 6, 1917, at 83.
Widow.

n. 115. Lucinda McComas d. of Old
Age at 81-10- . Son
A. J. McComas.

n. 116 - Sarah E. Mc Ginnis d. at Guy-
andotte. 6-6-1918, at
Apoplexy at 71-2-3.

n. 116 - Elvira McComas d. 12-25-1912,
of Lung Trouble, at 68. Widow.
B. S. McComas, husband.

Alex McComas d. 11-25-1912 of
Bright's Disease, at
53.

Elizabeth McComas d. 7-23-1914
of Heart, at 69-8
Dyke McComas, Husband

Harvey Meeley d. May-1908,
of T.B., at 64-8.

America J. Nash d. 6-21-1914,
of heart, at 78-10-6
Widow - B. L. Hume.

John Nelson d. 6-23-1914
of Scurvy, at 77. Mar-
ried. B. L. Hume.

n. 124 - J. M. Oliver d. Feb. 6, 1917,
at 81-8-16, Lawyer,
married.

n. 128 - Cynthia Perry d. Nov. 20, 1904,
at 63. Husband - E. H.
Perry.

" W. E. Petit d. July 2, 1904.
at 64-11-
Mary A. Petit, Wife

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p. 130 - Thos. H. Perry (minister) d.
at 65, Dec. 13, 1908

p. 131 - Thos. West Peyton (3rd)
d. 6-10-1912, of
Myocarditis, at 51-10-
Ally. J. W. Peyton, Son.

" Clara J. Pickett d. 3-23-1914,
of Pneumonia, Son of
— at 80-4-11
married. Dr. O.E. Reynolds.

p. 147 - Charlotte Spencer d. at Guyan-
dotte, at 101-4-4, of J. B.
Widow.

p. 150 - Ballard Swann d. 2-2-1908
of Bright's Disease, at 79.
W.E. Swann, Son.

" Samuel Stanley d. at Fall River
11-29-1908, at 86.

" B. S. Swann d. Feb. 2, 1909,
at 80, in McComas Dist
W. S. Swann, Son.

p. 152. J. H. Self, killed by a horse,
10-11-1912, at 82. Widower
W. J. Self, Son.

p. 15-3 - Cora B. Savage d. 8-24-1913.
of Kidneys, at 36. Geo
Savage, husband.

(General Savage died at Gallipoli,
Ohio, on truck, about
Monday 6th, October, 1952.)

Okey R. Stanley d. 5-18-1914.
Suicide, at 20-10-10
John Stanley, Brother.

Chas) H. Summerson d. 10-10-14,
at 86. of Old Age.
Mrs. Summerson, Wife.

Robert Shupe d. 12-25-14,
of heart, at 46. Single.

p. 15-4 - Ellen V. Switzer d. 9-11-14
of La Grippe. Widow.

John H. Sanders d. of Pneumonia
7-6-15, at
81-8-7, Merchant. k.
Widower.

Mary R. Schultz d. of Insanity,
9-13-15, at 78-8-19
Widow.

Robert P. Spratt d. 4-26-15,
of heart, at 80-9-8
married.

n. 155 - A. A. Swann b. at Martha
d. 3-1-1916, of cancer,
at 51-6-9. J. T. Swann,
husband.

n. 156 Wm. Schully d. 7-24-1916
at 67, Worked at
C & O. shops Single
Apoplexy.

n. 156 - John Sartin d. Feb-3, 1917,
at 53-7-5, Widower.

n. 158 - W. H. Slowasser d. 10-1-1917
of Paralysis, at B'ville, at
59-3-19 - Merchant
Married. G. S. Slowasser.

n. 164 - John Loppings Sr. d. Sept. 26, 1903
of old age, at 84

Moses S. Thornburg d. 10-7-07
of Kidney & Heart. at 78-7-
Atty. Widower.

✓ Agnes Turley d. Jan 12, 1908
of Old age, at 82
married. Rep't by son
May Turley d. at Central City.
8-15-1908, at birth?
Fred Turley, father

n. 165 - James G. Thorulov
d. at B'ville, 3-3-1908,
at 81-1-29, of Cerebral
hemorrhage

Arthur Turley d. 12-10-1914
at Ottawa, Kansas.
Car builder. Single
Jno. E. Turley, father.

n. 168 - Sarah P. Thornburg
d. 12-23-18, of T.B.
at 80-5-17. Widowed.

n. 184 - Thos. A. Wratt d. 12-22-15
at 58-4-18 Lawyer.
Single.

Jno. C. Wilson d. 3-2-1915,
of La Grippe, at 78-1-25
Blacksmith.

n. 185 J. H. Wilson, d. at Milton
Salesman
Aug. 1, 1916, at 72.
L. L. Wilson.

n. 186 - Peter White d. 6-3-18,
at Ana. Rk. 1, of Old Age
at 93-9-10, married
H. L. White

n. J. B. York d. 4-3-1911,
of Prochial trouble, at
52-9-9, Housekeeper
married

This finishes
Bk. 2. except (Woman)
some I skipped.

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Death Register 1919-1925

p. 40 - Mahala Douglas

d. 3-7-21, of B'ville,
of Artery, etc. at 89-2-21
Widowed.

✓ Lucy Dundas d. 10-22-21
due to a fall, at 81-2-10
Single.

Frank Leslie Doolittle.
See later. This p. 40

Thomas Jasper Dodd d.
2-20-22, of heart,
at 70-0-12, Widowed.

Eliza S. Dundas d. 4-12-22
at B'ville, of Old Age,
at 79-11

Woo Bell - Laundry -
d. 8-18-22
at 57-0-15 Married.

Adolph Hrelz d. 8-31-22,
of meningitis, at
62-2-11

Ann Hutton d. 10-30-22
of Old Age, at 87-10-0
Widowed.

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n. 43 - Lizzie W. Lugen d 5-22-23
at 70-2-18, b. Ohio
Rept. by M. W. Lugen

n. 45 - Wm P. Henckle d. 8-10-1924,
of fractured skull at 36.

Charles Dundas d. at B'ville
9-15-1924, at B'ville,
at 58-11-7. Cancer of
Pleasurer.

Alice E. Donahoe, d 10-8-24
of Paralysis, at Martha
at 70-7-29, Housekeeper

Elmer F. Hirtou d. 9-21-24,
of Pneumonia, at
63-5-0. Widowed

W.R. Spencer.

Cora Donahoe d. at Martha
12-9-24, Suicide
from drinking Red
Seal Lye
at 33-5-5. Married

Benj. F. Hillon Sr. d 9-21-24
of heart, at 91-5-7

Wm. P. Donahoe d. 7-19-25
b. Ky. Cerebral hemorrhage
at 82-8-19, Attorney-
Married.

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Lee S. Dick d 5-29-1924
at 69-2-16, of heart
A school teacher.

Lydia N. Hillon, b Ohio. 4-28-25
of heart d. at 90.
Widowed.

n 90 - Sarah E. Johnson
d 10-20-22.
at 77-5-16, Retired
Widowed.

n. 146 - U. S. Peyton d. 7-28-22
at 50. Carpenter
C. H. Morris

Broadus R. Perry d, 4-30-22
at 61-8-26. Married
C. H. Morris

Mary Jane Peyton d. 7-30-23,
at 0-6-8. Rep't
by Charles Peyton.

n. 148 - Noah C. Petit d 10-6-26, at
80-6-10. Retired. Widowed.
n. 149. -

The Turleys

James Turley b. 1754 d. 1838, was the progenitor of the Turley family, in Cabell County. His wife was Esther Turley b. 1754 d. 1824. James Turley was a Revolutionary soldier.

His record in the National Archives show that, in 1835, he referred to an older brother, then living, in Kanawha County, Va., now West Virginia. He was born in Pennsylvania, and while a child moved with his father near Lynchburg, in Bedford County, Va., and was residing there, at the time of his enlistment. In 1832, he was a resident of Cabell County, Va.

In his application for a pension, he stated that he served two years under Captain John Chapman, and Col. Joseph Crockett. He stated elsewhere that he served as a private with the Virginia troops.

He was pensioned on Certificate 23987, which was issued under the act of June 7, 1832, and was paid, at the Virginia Agency.

Their children:

1-2 Palsy Turley

m. Floyd Turley

Two children:

Viva Turley

Esther (~~Esther~~) Turley

2-2 ——— Turley
m.

A son, Cornelius Turley

3-2 John Turley

b. July 12, 1785 d.

John I.
m. Palsey

b. 9-27-87

m. Sarah

b.

d.

Children:

1-3 Martha Turley

b. 1834 d. 12-26-54

m. Thomas Dundas,

b. 1833 d.

Dec. 20, 1850. He was
a son of Henry I. and
Margaret Dundas

4-3. Joseph Turley,
son of John & Sarah

m. Anna Maria

Dundas July 7, 1861,

dau. John & Ann D.

~~2-3. John Turley Jr.~~

~~b. 1826 d. 2-25-89~~

3-3. Elijah Turley d. 2-29-84
at 62, Wife Agnes.

4-2 Jonathan Turley

b. Sept. 17, 1825 (2-1-1793)

d. Feb. 25, 1899

Nov. 16, 1852

m. Eliza Ann Dundas

b. Nov. 16, 1852 d. 5-11-84

dau. of

Dundas

Children:

1-3 Eliza Turley d. Aug. 1, 18
of J. B.

Son of
John, now
James

2-3. Emma Turley
b. 10-11-65.

5-2. Levina ("Viney") Turley
b. 6-23-1790 d. 3-2-39
m. George Merritt.
b. 1787.
d. 3-25-55

Deaths - Volume 2, - 1904-1918¹⁵

p. 149 - Thos. Sikes d. at 71,
4-10-1908, heart trouble.

p. 154-? Annie Shry d 4-11-1912
B. G. Shry, husband.

p. 152. Ben Sandbridge d 8-26-1913
at 85-9-5. Widowed
B. L. Hume

p. 156 - Mrs. Ben Swann d. at
B'ville, 10-9-1916, at 84

Louisa J. Swann d. at B'ville,
10-9-1916, of old age,
at 84-3-7.

Emma V. Summerson d.
July 11, ~~1916~~¹⁹¹⁷, at
81-4-10. Widow.

p. 181 - Hannah Washington d.
at B'ville, Jan 4, 1909
at 98

John Wigal d. at Guyandotte,
Feb. 7, 1909 of falling
beam, at 77. School
Teacher.

Jan. 19, 1947.

Mr. F. B. Lambert,

Dear Sir:

As per your request, here I go:

Royal Childers had three brothers: Thomas, Benjamin and Samuel. ^{Thomas} Samuel lived on Merritt's Creek; Benjamin lived on Bowen's Creek; Samuel lived below Barboursville, Guyan river.

Also, three sisters:

^{Nancy} ~~Mary~~, not married, but mother of *Malvin* children
 Jenet, who married Daniel Bias, lived on Merritt's creek,
 Ruth, who married Larkin Bias, lived where West Hamlin now stands.

Royall's Family.

Had five sons and three daughters. Milton lived on Heath Creek.
 Was married two times: First wife, Robert⁵, senond wife Hensly.
 Lewis lived on Merritt's creek; Was married two times, first wife ^{three} ~~were~~ ^{& 2nd}
 Wheelers, next wife, ~~Hatfield~~. *Smith. Greene m. 1 — Wheller, 2 — Hill*
Ben lived on Merritt's Cr. m. 1 — Wheeler, 2nd — Hatfield.
 Braden lived on Merritt's creek. Married twice. First wife Roberts;
 second wife, Hill. The first wife had one child; that was me only.

Three daughters: Telitha, married Ambrose Smith; lived all over Cabell County.

Sarah Ann married Alex. Adkins; lived on Beech Fork, in Wayne County.

Elizabeth married Billy Rogers. Lived where Baley Wintz now lives, which you know.

These old timers, Royal, Benjamin, Thomas T., Samuel. They came here from Virginia, by their father, Thomas.

My great-great grand-father Royal, patented a lot of land
around here, and each of his five sons 105 acres land, each.

(Signed)

Jno Childers.

3 Mayo Family Cont-

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 over Cabell County
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 by their father James
 May Great Great Grandfather
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 land around here and
 each of his 5 sons 105.00
 land each of 200 children

Jan 19-1947

Mrs F. T. Fancher

19 years ago

As per request - June 1920

My father Charles had 3 Brothers

Thomas Benjamin & Samuel

Thomas lived on Mott's Creek

Benjamin on Bondu's Creek

Samuel below Barboursville

Benjamin had

also 3 Sisters

Mary not married but Mother

of Mervin Childers

Genet who married Daniel

Bias. lived on Mott's Creek

Nettie who married Zarkin

Bias lived where West Hamlin

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had 5 sons & 3 daughters

William lived on Hattie Creek

Married 2 times first wife

Roberts second wife Hensley

Levin wife on Mott's Creek

Married 3 times 1st woman

was wheelers, the last one Smith

Green lived on Mott's Creek

Married 2 times 1 wife Wheeler

Levin wife - Dial

Ben lived on Mott's Creek

married 2 times 1 wheelers

next wife Hattie

Quadrin lived on Mott's Creek

Married 2 times 1st wife

Roberts 2nd wife Hill

1st wife 1st child that was

me only

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(Copy)

By John Blankenship

At Claud Dillon's about 1904.

My father was Samuel Blankenship. Was born at the ^{Major} McKendree place, above Barboursville. He was overseer for Sampson ^{Sanders} ~~Simmons~~. He came here from Rocky Mount, Franklin County. He lived within five miles of the town. He said Sampson ^{Sanders} ~~Simmons~~ was a very punctual man, and expected it of others; but was a good neighbor.

I have heard wolves, or what were said to be wolves, howl in the cliffs, at the mouth of Davis Creek. I saw father and Bryan Jenkins kill deer in the river, at the mouth of Davis Creek.

Joe Wheeler, Editor of "The Guyandotte Herald," was Captain of the Major Arian. Tom Thornburg lived in a house now standing and used for a tenant house, on the Thornburg farm.

Maple Grove was known by all steam boat Captains, from Pittsburg to New orleans.

Captain Samuel Johnson lived at Johnson's Lane, or just above. He was a slave owner. He inherited slaves from Sampson Sanders. The Kilgore's were related to Sanders.

Old Chas. K. Morris married a Kilgore, a niece of Sampson Sanders. He had some slaves. I knew Ben well---a very trusty negro. Chas. K. Morris was not aristocratic. He kept five horses. Ben generally attended his two fine stable horses.

Hogs on James River road--1/2 mile, crowded. Horses came to Richmond.

Frederick G.L. Beuhring, lived at Maple Grove, about 7th Street, on Ohio river. He owned a dangerous negro, named Edmund, who was sold to a driver who came through with 70-75 negroes, hand cuffed, and rope between. A man was on horseback at both ends.

Sol. Thornburg lived in double log weatherboarded house. The house burned March 16, 1862. Some thought negroes did it; but Polly said she thought not.

Elderly Man Killed By Car; Two Are Held

(Picture On Page 13)

William Harshbarger, 76, of 1817 Seventh Avenue, was struck and killed by an automobile in the Twentieth Street railroad underpass about 4:30 P. M. yesterday, Police Lieutenant Merlin D. Thompson reported. It was Huntington's fifth traffic fatality this year.

Joyce Walker, 25 - year - old woman, of the 1700 block of Ninth Avenue, who, police said, was behind the wheel of the car which struck Mr. Harshbarger, and William Robinson, 31, of Proctorville, a passenger, were both charged with manslaughter in warrants issued by Magistrate Howard T. Newman, and both charged with being drunk. Both remained in city jail. The naming of both, according to Magistrate Newman, resulted from testimony that Robinson had grabbed the wheel of the car.

Lieutenant Thompson said a car entered the underpass from Eighth Avenue at the west side, struck the east wall, veered off and struck Mr. Harshbarger, who had fled from the sidewalk to the street, and threw Mr. Harshbarger on the car fender.

The car then careened westward, striking the front of a southbound car, and, after crashing against the west curb in the underpass, threw Mr. Harshbarger's body beneath the other car.

The driver of the second car was identified as Adam Adkins, 3638 Grapevine Road. The wheels of his car were not believed to have touched Mr. Harshbarger.

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WILLIAM H. HARSHBARGER—

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(Copy)

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1605 N. Herndon St.,
Arlington, Va.
April 11, 1945.

Dear Mr. Lambert:

I am sorry to have not been able to write you before this time. Have been here with my youngest daughter, Mrs. Guy Farmer for almost two weeks, as she has been very ill, and is now at home from the hospital. She was in Washington in a hospital following her father's last illness. Her father's death has been very hard for her, as she could not be with him. I, as well as my family, appreciated your kind letter of sympathy very very much in our greatest sorrow we have ever known. My husband was a kind husband, good father, and a friend to mankind. Many times during his life he spoke of you, and always considered you one of his best friends. Houston and the girls remember you as one of their best teachers in Hamlin High school.

Virginia, our second daughter has been Principal of Hamlin High this year. Houston is Prosecuting Attorney. Ann, the eldest daughter, is married to Dr. Campbell and lives in Hamlin. Rose Marie is now Mrs. Guy Farmer: her husband is Associate Counsel to the National Relations Board in Washington, D.C. Our youngest son, J.D., is now a Sgt. in Fort Riley, Kansas.

I feel you will be interested in knowing about the family as I know you and Mr. Smith were always much interested in each other, and their welfare. My family and I send our regards to you and your family, and best wishes for good health.

Very truly,

(Signed) Mrs. Jacob D. Smith.

Another link was broken in the old social life of Cabell County by Mrs. Holderby's death.

Mrs. Adelaide C. Holderby died yesterday at Pittsburgh, after a long sickness from cancer. Her body will be brought today to the residence of her sister, Mrs. Josie G. Smith, at Guyandotte, from whose home the funeral will take place at four o'clock Thursday afternoon. The interment will be at Spring Hill cemetery and the services will be conducted by Rev. S.D. Boggs, pastor of the Southern Presbyterian church of Catlettsburg, of which church the deceased was a member. Mrs. Holderby was born in Guyandotte, and was sixty-two years of age. She was the widow of the late George W. Holderby, and a daughter of John W. Hite, in his life-time one of the most prominent citizens of this county. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jessie McCaughan and Miss Susan Holdery, and two sisters, Mrs. Josie G. Smith, of Guyandotte and Mrs. Seline C. Hampton, of Catlettsburg.

Mrs. Holderby was a woman of wide culture and great strength of character, and her passing breaks one of the few remaining links of the old social life of the community. With sincere sorrow will her many friends learn of her death and of the intense and prolonged suffering by which the sad event was preceded.

(Copy)

DEATH CLAIMS MISS MASON, 84.

Catlettsburg Resident had been ill Five Months.

Rites to-morrow.

d May 29, 1941 - Rule 3-31-41

Funeral services for Miss Mary Mason, 84, Catlettsburg, who died yesterday at 10:30 A.M. at the home of her brother, George Mason, Sr. #3502 Court Street, Catlettsburg, after a five months illness, will be held tomorrow at 4 P.M. at her residence 3512 Court Street. The Rev. John L. Tilton, pastor of the First Methodist church of Catlettsburg, will officiate. Burial will be in Catletteburg cemetary, with the Rev. A.P. Keyser, retired Methodist minister, in charge of the graveside service.

Miss Mason was born in Guyandotte, W. Va., a daughter of George Mason and Salina Hite Mason. Her grandfather was the late John W. Hite, one of the early settlers of Guyandotte, and her late father built the old suspension bridge at Guyandotte.

Mr. Mason moved his family to Catlettsburg in 1868, where he began the practice of law. At his death, several years later his widow returned to West Virginia and became a member of the Marshall College faculty when James E. Morrow was its president. Miss Mason became a student at the institution, and was the only girl in her graduating class. In 1888, she entered the missionary field of Southern Methodist church, and was sent to Saltillo, Mexico, where she taught ^{music} school for two years in a mission ~~fixxxx~~ school.

After her return she resided she resided at Catlettburg with her mother, who had married the Rev. William Hampton, whose farm was to become the Hampton City portion of Catlettsburg.

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DEATH CLAIMS MISS MASON, 84

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After her return she resided at Catlettsburg with her mother, who had married the Rev. William Hampton, whose farm was to become the Hampton City portion of Catlettsburg.

Miss Mason was prominent in church and missionary circles of her denomination and a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Surviving are one brother, George Mason of Catlettsburg.

Pallbearers will be George Wilson Mason, John B. Mason, Robert Hutchison, Thomas W. Riley, Russell A. Ford and Lloyd Keyser.

Honorary pallbearers will be Cable Cramer, William Clarke, Lawrence Bowling, Roscoe McClintock, Chris Ewing, George B. Martin, Stanhope Patton and Ed Carmack.

The body was removed from the Kilgore-Collier funeral home to the residence last evening.

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May 2 19-1941
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Rites Tomorrow**

May 8-1941
Funeral services for Miss Mary Mason, 84, Catlettsburg, who died yesterday at 10:20 A. M. at the home of her brother, George Mason Sr., 3502 Court street, Catlettsburg, after a five month's illness, will be held tomorrow at 4 P. M. at her residence, 3512 Court street. The Rev. John L. Tilton, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Catlettsburg, will officiate. Burial will be in Catlettsburg cemetery with the Rev. A. P. Keyser, retired Methodist minister, in charge of the graveside service.

Miss Mason was born in Guyandotte, W. Va., a daughter of George Mason and Salina Hite Mason. Her grandfather was the late John W. Hite, one of the early settlers of Guyandotte and her late father built the old suspension bridge at Guyandotte.

Mr. Mason moved his family to Catlettsburg in 1868 where he began the practice of law. At his death several years later, his widow returned to West Virginia and became a member of the Marshall College faculty when James E. Morrow was its president. Miss Mason became a student at the institution and was the only girl in her graduating class.

In 1888 she entered the missionary field of the Southern Methodist Church and was sent to Saltio,

Pall bearers will be George Wilson Mason, John B. Mason, Robert Hutchison, Thomas W. Riley, Russell A. Ford, and Lloyd Keyser.

Honoary pall bearers will be Cable Cramer, William Clarke, Lawrence Bowling, Roscoe McClintock, Chris Ewing, George B. Martin, Stanhope Patton, and Ed. Carmack.

The body was removed from the Kilgore-Collier funeral home to the residence last evening.

Miss Mason was prominent in church and missionary circles of her denomination, and a member of the woman's Christian Temperance Union. Surviving is one brother, George Mason of Callensburg. Pall bearers, etc.

January 9, 1946.

Dear Mr. Lambert:

In answer to your letter, here is what I have about my family. I do not know the date of the marriage of my father, A J. Johnson and Linda White, but there were five children:

Burl Johnson married Mary Sligel, to whom seven children were born; Elmer, Cicero, Mabel, Frank, Charles, Nellie , Creighton. These are not in order of birth, and I do not know who they married.

John Johnson went to Louisiana and married a Southern girl, and nothing is known of their family, if any.

Elizabeth Johnson married George Hagley. They had nine children: Virginia (Jenny), Elza, a girl, Fanny, John, Susan, James, Alice, Carrie, and Icie. James and Richard Johnson were never married, James Making his home in Louisiana, and Richard dying at the age of 21, in 1882. This is the first marriage of Andrew Jackson Johnson.

The second trial was to a Mary Scarberry, but was terminated by divorce about six months later. There was one son, Perry, of whom nothing is known.

The third marriage of Andrew Johnson to Susan Kerns, of New Haven, Conn., to whom were born four children, three of whom are dead, the one remaining, Srah (Johnson) Flake, living on Federal Creek, 2-1/2 miles from Miller, Ohio. The children were Charles ~~Thomas~~ Thomas Johnson, who married Lucy McMillian. There were two children, Goldie and Sylvia both married, and living in Huntington, W.Va. But little else is known of them.

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Martha Jane Johnson married Jess Crawford. There was one son, Charles Elmer Crawford, born in 1890.

Sarah Margaret (Johnson) Blake, married Charles Blake, of Miller, Ohio, to whom were born six children: Opal Evelyn Blake (Rickett) two children; Elsie Maude Blake (Milard) four children, William Girard Blake, 3 children; Goldie Alize Blake (Rickette) 3 children; Glossie Florence Blake, (Rickett) one child; Velma Margueritte Blake.

William Preston Johnson married a May Rigney, of Tickridge, Ohio but no living children.

This completes the account of A.J. Johnson, as I know it, except for the following record, taken from the old family Bible. If you know any more than this, I would appreciate a little information from you. Since you have written, I am interested in knowing all about you and your family as I think I knew you in our younger days.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Sarah Blake.

This is all the record there is in the Bible:

-Births-

Burl Johnson - Dec. 8, 1853,

John Johnson, Feb. 1, 1855,

James Johnson, March 15, 1857,

Ritchard Johnson, Dec. 27, 1867; Charley Johnson, June 28, 1871,

Martha Johnson, Aug. 13, 1873; Sarah Johnson, May 19, 1877,

A.J. Johnson, June 4, 1825; Susan Johnson, May 3, 1842.

-Deaths-

A.J. Johnson, June 16, 1903, 78 yrs. 12 days,

Susan Johnson, March 9, 1827-84 yrs. 10 mos. 26 days,

Richard Johnson, March 10, 1882,

Martha Johnson, March 10, 1891,

Willaim Johnson, June 4, 1923.

Huntington, W. Va.

809 W. 11th Street.

January 10, 1947.

My dear Mr. Lambert:

Your letter, dated January 8th came today at Midkiff, Where I am holding a revival meeting.

I note that you are interested ~~in~~ ^{to} know the names of ~~then father of then wives of~~ Spencer and Solomon Midkiff. His name was Thomas McComas. You do have these wives names correct. Spencer Midkiff's wife's name was Vitoria Bowen. I am not sure of the date of her birth, and grandfather Solomon Midkiff's first wife's name was Sarah, and her date of birth was 1809.

Now, do not get the name of Thomas McComas mixed with a Thomas McComas that lives near the Lincoln and Cabell County line. There used to be a Thomas McComas lived ner the Elisha Gill farm that part of Gill's land laid in Lincoln and a part in Cabell. This is not the Thomas McComas that was the father of Soencer and Solomon Midkiff's wives. However, he was a grandson of old Thomas McComas , the father of the two aforesaid aives.

From all that I am able to find out, old Thomas Mc-Comas was the first settler on Guyan River. He hda a son called T.J. Mc-Comas, and he live near West Hamlin. I hope that you will soon have your history ready for publishing, and I feel sure that you will. I am praying that you will soon recover from your sick spell. I, too, have been almost down with a severe cold. You need not be in any hurry sending to me the history that I loaned you that Will Damron wrote up.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Rev. Horace E. Midkiff.

P.S. Should you write, address me at my home, #809 , West 11th
Street, Huntington, W. Va.

A. C. McCAUGHAN
1503 STILLMAN AVE.
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

April 9, 1954

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